Title: Need to provide medical facilities to Ex-Servicemen, their widows and other dependants at par with pensioners of other Central Government Departments.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): Sir, the Ex-Servicemen, their widows and other dependants are passing their days without proper medical facilities. They are not treated at par with the retired Government employees of other departments as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission. As their entitlement has been drastically cut down, they are even not able to get proper indoor treatment. They run from pillar to post for their treatment when any of them suffers from major diseases like kidney failure, heart ailment or cancer etc., as they are denied treatment for these diseases in the Military hospitals.

On the other hand, the pensioners from other Central Government Departments and Railways get necessary treatment in major hospitals and even they get re-imbursement when they are treated in private hospitals.

The Armed Forces are required to work in the most inhospitable areas where some of them contact many endemic diseases. Surprisingly, they do not get the treatment when they need it most, i.e. after retirement.

In order to give justice to these dedicated personnel, I urge the Government to provide them the same medical facilities as it is being given to pensioners of Central Government Departments and Railways and also to the serving Armed Forces. Fund allocation should be enhanced to the Military hospitals to accommodate them. They should be allowed treatment in the major hospitals and re-imbursement of the medical bills in case medical facilities are not available in the Military hospitals.

For boosting their morale, I demand that the medical facilities be enhanced in case of gallant disabled soldiers, their families and their dependants.